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**AVIATION**

# AN F-16 FAREWELL

### Fighter jet, built here for 40 years, provided good jobs and put Fort Worth on the worldwide aerospace map

ANGEL DELCUETO Lockheed Martin

The last production F-16 in Fort Worth took off from the Lockheed Martin plant on Nov. 14. The jet was sold to the Iraqi government.

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FORT WORTH

Bobby Tamplin was 26 years old in 1977, when he went to work as a parts fabricator on the F-16 fighter jet. At the time, he was told his job would last "maybe five years."

Forty years later, the 66-year-old recently stood on a windy, cold flight line at Lockheed Martin — just a few weeks before his retirement — to bid goodbye to the last F-16 to be built in Fort Worth. It is a bittersweet moment for Tamplin, who grew up working on the assembly line, to remember a time when the plant built almost one fighter a day.

"It was an aerospace milestone to see that many planes come and go every day," Tamplin said. "But it was exciting."

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The last F-16 to be built in Fort Worth, RA-028, was in place in a paint station at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in April.

> "...IT HAS BEEN AN AIRCRAFT THAT HAS BEEN HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT IN THE MILITARY HISTORY OF THE WORLD. IT'S A GREAT AMERICAN SUCCESS STORY. IT'S A GREAT FORT WORTH SUCCESS STORY.
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Later, when thinking about all the places the F-16 flies, he also said he felt a great responsibility. "You are producing an aircraft that is not only going to change Fort Worth, but it's going to change air forces all over the world."

But it's the end of the line for Tamplin and the Fort Worth F-16 production line.

To make way for growing production of the F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighter, Lockheed is moving

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# 'I couldn't live with it anymore,' says ex-employee of firm accused of scams

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FORT WORTH

When Touchdown Sports started using a third name to do business this year, Kelly Langley decided she'd had enough.

Sickened by the company's sales tactics, she quit her job with the sports marketing company.

"What's been going on is not right," Langley said. "I just couldn't live with it anymore."

She said when weekly sales quotas were met, employees would toss back margaritas on Fridays.

"When things were going good it was a really fun atmosphere — I'm not going to lie — but when it was bad, it was really bad," Langley said.

Scams by Touchdown Sports, a Fort Worth-based company, were first exposed by the Star-Telegram in April, with follow-up stories in May and October. The company sells T-shirts, banners and other spirit-themed items to companies with a loosely veiled promise that they will be distributed by local school districts.

But school districts across the nation that have been targeted by the company say they

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# Clash likely over agency leader

BY EMILY COCHRANE AND STACY COWLEY
*New York Times*

Come Monday morning, who will be running the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau?

Mick Mulvaney

Richard Cordray

Over the weekend, the answer wasn't clear.

Trump administration officials on Saturday defended the president's legal authority to name Mick Mulvaney, his budget director, as acting head of the independent watchdog agency. President Donald Trump made the appointment late Friday, after the abrupt resignation of Richard Cordray, the agency's director.

Trump's announcement was

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## HOUSE FIRE KILLS FAMILY OF FOUR

A Bridgeport family of two adults and two children is killed in a fire that engulfed a Garland home early Saturday. **4A**

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## TEXRAIL SERVICE ONE YEAR AWAY?

TEXRail commuter train service is scheduled to begin in December 2018, but there is still a lot of work to be done. **1B**


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